GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:376
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PRODUCTIVITY OF SHIPPING TERMINALS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the steps proposed by the Government to improve the productivity of shipping terminals at various ports;

(b) whether cargo is left waiting on the docks for lack of early shipment;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the extent to which the productivity has been improved at various ports in 1999-2000;

(e) whether additional capacity would also help in clearing the cargo at ports; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government to bring higher productivity at all shipping terminals in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS & SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (f) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 376 DT. 22.03.2001 ASKED BY SHRI A. BRAHMANAIAH REGARDING PRODUCTIVITY OF SHIPPING TERMINALS.

(a) Broadly, the productivity of various ports includes less pre-berthing detention and turn-round time of vessels and increased output per ship berthday. Government has been taking various efforts to achieve better productivity levels such as delegation of enhanced financial powers to ports, acquisition of better equipments, revision of datum and productivity norms and modernization of the ports.

(b) Normally, if cargo is left waiting in the port/docks, the delay is usually for reasons beyond the port management`s control.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The performance of major ports is measured in terms of certain selected indicators like average pre-berthing waiting time, average turn-round time and output of ship berthday. The following table indicates the performance of the ports on the basis of these selected indicators during the last three years.

Sr.No.	Indicator	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000 (provisional)
1.	Average pre-berthing waiting time (days)	2.3	2.0	1.8
2.	Average Turn-Round time	6.3	5.7	4.7
3.	Output per ship berth day (in tones)	4912	5167	5337

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Some of the steps being taken by the Government to bring higher productivity and quick management decisions are:-

(i) The port trusts have been delegated enhanced financial power to approve new schemes costing Rs. 50 crores and a replacement scheme costing upto Rs. 100 crores. This will expedite approval and implementation of various port development projects.

(ii) Procedure for disposal of obsolete, unserviceable equipment and floatilla has been streamlined.

(iii) Procedures for acquisition of equipment/floating craft by Major Ports have been simplified.

(iv) Revision of datum, productivity norms and uneconomic practices to improve labour productivity.

(v) Establishment of electronic Data Interchange in selected ports for improving management and operations.

(vi) Structural re-organisation of Major Ports through corporatisation.

(vii) Collaboration with foreign ports and related agencies for better management and operational techniques under joint venture participation policy announced by the Government.

(viii) Encouragement of BOT (Build, Operate and Transfer) projects through Private Sector participation and development of various cargo handling facilities.